

O. E. S. AND F. & A. M. JOINT INSTALLATION

Meeting Last Thursday Evening Was a Great Event—Large Number Present—Supper Was Served.

O. D. Bruce Chapter No. 55 and Amelia Lodge No. 47, F. and A. M., held their annual installation ceremonies Thursday evening in the Masonic Hall. The lodge room never looked more beautiful than on this occasion. Quantities of palms and plants, forming at intervals great clusters and bowers of greenery, the effect being highly artistic. Masses of ferns, intermingled with cut flowers, adorned the stations of the various officers. The one at the presiding officer's station was especially artistic. A beautiful basket of crimson roses, with trailing ferns, and suspended over this was the Masonic and Eastern Star emblems.

Past-master Louis Goldstein called the meeting to order, and after announcing its purpose, gave the welcoming address to the members of the Eastern Star, which was responded to by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Estelle T. Rogers.

The meeting was heralded with a beautiful prayer by Rev. J. W. Bleker. Past Master Goldstein, as installing officer, assisted by Judge H. J. Baker as conductor of ceremonies, installed for the ensuing year the following officers of Amelia Lodge.

H. C. King, W. M.,
S. H. Swearingen, S. W.,
Dr. L. McMurray, J. W.,
W. S. Whitney, Treas.,
Fred Winton, Secy.,
W. A. Barefoot, S. D.,
W. C. Simmons, J. D.,
I. R. Messick, S. S.,
Roy Hildreth, J. S.,
J. O. Cassidy, Chaplin,
Emanuel Benzing, Tiler.

Mrs. Mae V. Goldstein, Past Worthy Matron, acted as installing officer for the Stars, assisted by Miss Myrtle Baker, Past Worthy Matron, who acted as marshal. The ceremony was very beautiful and impressive, and much credit is due Mrs. Goldstein and Miss Baker for the graceful and effective manner in which they performed their duties.

Officers installed were:

Mrs. S. M. Black, W. M.,
Mr. S. H. Swearingen, W. P.,
Mrs. Christina King, A. M.,
Miss Beulah Beugnet, Cond.,
Mrs. Leota Swearingen, A. C.,
Mrs. Mae V. Goldstein, Secty.,
Mr. H. C. King, Treas.,
Mrs. Mary E. Scott, Chaplain,
Mrs. Edna Boothe, Ada,
Mrs. Emmie Polhill, Ruth,
Miss Myrtle Baker, Esther,
Mrs. Minnie Homage, Martha,
Mrs. Otis Rhodes, Electa,
Mrs. Carrie Swearingen, Marshall.

Mrs. Ira C. Klarer, Organist,
Mrs. Alice Miller, Warden,
Mr. W. A. Barefoot, Sentinel.
In behalf of the chapter, Mrs. Edna Boothe presented the retiring Worthy Matron, Mrs. Estelle Rogers, with a beautiful Past Matron's Jewel. She was also presented with an arm bouquet of carnations as a token of love from the daughter to the mother. They were presented with beautiful words and responded to in a happy manner.

After speeches were made by the newly installed Matron and Patron and other officers and members, the meeting was called from labor to refreshment, bidding everybody to eat, drink and be merry.

The banquet table was arranged

D. H. Ground is Made Chairman County Coms.

D. H. Ground, of Fernandina, County Commissioner from District No. 1, was elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners at the regular meeting held Wednesday. In the selection of Mr. Ground as chairman, the board acted wisely, as he is a competent business man. The new chairman made a short speech of acceptance after the vote was taken, in which he stated that he wanted the ensuing two years to be a business administration for Nassau county. His remarks were timely. The new board then went after business in a way that shows that Nassau county is to have a quintet of county officials in the board that will look after matters in a manner that will be entirely satisfactory to the people and greatly to their advantage.

Mr. Ground asked that the rules be waived and that the first official act of the new Board of County Commissioners of Nassau county, at their meeting January 12th, 1921, was to pass the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the policy of this Board of County Commissioners is to handle the affairs of Nassau county on a business basis. We have no political friends to reward, and no enemies to punish. We shall endeavor to give the taxpayers full value for whatever moneys are expended under our jurisdiction. The records of this board are open to the public at all times, and we invite and desire co-operation and assistance from the people throughout all sections of Nassau county.

Signed—
T. J. SHAVE, Dist. No. 1,
D. H. GROUND, Dist. No. 2,
M. J. WILDS, Dist. No. 3,
S. C. BRADDOCK, Dist. No. 4,
J. R. BRADDOCK, Dist. No. 5.
When the board adjourned for the noon hour, Messrs. Ground and Shave invited the other members, together with the clerk, G. C. Burgess, to dine with them at the Keystone, where Host Simon had an excellent dinner prepared for them at a table especially arranged for them. It isn't necessary to add that the board fared well, as everyone fares well at the Keystone.

Illicit Still Captured in the City Wednesday

Frank Armstrong, colored, was arrested Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff C. C. Jones on a charge of operating an illicit whiskey still. He was tried before County Judge J. B. Stewart and fined \$50.00 and costs or 4 months in the jail. His still, which is in the Sheriff's office, had a capacity of about 10 gallons.

Philip Sauls, of Callahan, was in town Tuesday.

ed in the center of the room, decorated with cut flowers, where a delicious supper was served, consisting of baked turkey and dressing, salads, cranberry sauce, sandwiches, celery, olives, coffee, Neopolitan ice cream and cake.

Mr. J. O. Cassidy, as toastmaster, called on Rev. Mr. Bleker for the blessing, after which everybody proceeded to enjoy themselves. The toastmaster proved himself capable of his position, and in his witty way, called on many of the fair Stars who were equal to the occasion, and the responses were full of repertoire and brought forth much laughter.

After an evening of much pleasure and sincere fraternal greetings, the meeting adjourned.

Valuable Piece of Fernandina Property Sold

A deal was consummated Saturday between John S. Bryant, of Lakewood, N. J., and Everett Mizell, president of the First National Bank of Fernandina, whereby the former became the owner of the old Palmer estate on the Amelia Beach road, which is considered one of the most desirable pieces of property in Fernandina. The deal was made through Haile & Ferreria, local real estate dealers, who have been making many deals of late. Mr. Bryant is a retired railroad attorney, and will remodel and renovate his purchase and make a winter home out of it.

Haile & Ferreria have within the past few days closed another deal between H. L. Gantz and Sallie L. Haile, Mr. Gantz buying an ideal 24-acre farm at Amelia City. They have also sold four houses to colored inhabitants in the colored section of the city.

Many Large Vessels In and Out This Port

The U. S. Shipping Board Steamship West Compo, Captain O'Brien, arrived Friday, Dec. 7th, from Norfolk, and finished taking on a part cargo of phosphate Tuesday. The West Compo has visited this port before and is managed and operated by the Strachan Shipping Co.

The U. S. Shipping Board Steamship Schenectady, Captain Lloyd, arrived Friday evening from Norfolk and is now loading a cargo of phosphate at the Seaboard Terminals. The Schenectady is a regular visitor here, having made several trips to this port. The Strachan Shipping Co. manages and operates for the Schenectady.

The schooner Marguerite M. Wemyss sailed Saturday for Kilbuck, Ga., where she will load a cargo of lumber for New York. She was in tow of the tug Inca, of Brunswick.

The steamship Youngstown shifted Monday from the Seaboard terminals to the Florida Terminal Co.'s terminals.

American Legion Smoker Monday Night

Yes, it was some feed, buddy; I'll say it was.

On Monday night, Jan. 10th, the American Legion installed its new officers for 1921 and followed this ceremony with a turkey supper served informally. The installation exercises were very simple and short, but the supper was gorgeous and long, and if the manner in which these ex-service men devoured turkey is a sample of how they fought, no wonder the Hun decided to quit. The supper was reminiscent of army days principally by contrast, for your Uncle Sam never did serve a meal like this one. There were only two things that reminded one of the olden days, and they were the tin cups in which the coffee was served, and Gus Smith, the veteran cook of Uncle Sam's Navy. Gus was in rare form, and while he still retains some of those "hard boiled" qualities possessed by all army and navy cooks, he is daily becoming more human.

Much has been written about "hard boiled" officers, "hard boiled" sergeants and "hard boiled" corporals, but the greatest martinet in the American army and navy were the cooks. In their sphere they were absolutely supreme and the average enlisted man was much more afraid of the cook than he was of the colonel, and in all probability, the cooks did more to win the war than the colonels did. Some day a more worthy pen than mine will tell what Gus Smith and the other cooks did in the late war, and when the story is written, they will not suffer in the telling, and a more general appreciation of their service will be felt.

A beautifully engraved charter, signed by the National Commander, was displayed for the benefit of the members and the secretary of the Post was ordered to secure a suitable frame for the charter.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Post Commander—Malcolm L. Griffin.

Vice Commander—John J. Klarer.

Post Adjutant—Andrew B. Westbrook.

Post Finance Officer—S. F. Anderson.

Post Chaplain—L. L. Bunker.

Post Historian—Leroy McMurray.

Sergeant at Arms—J. U. Rafter, Jr.

Sponsor—Miss Corine Hernandez.

It was a most enjoyable evening and the members of the Legion who were present, appreciate the service rendered by those who got up the supper and thank those who served it. A goodly number of Legion men were present, but not as many as should have been. What's the matter, buddies? You did not let the other fellow do all the fighting. Surely you are not going to let the other fellow do all the work now. The American Legion is going to be the greatest force in the civic life of America. You can't stop it, but you can help it to avoid mistakes and blunders, and to soon become the greatest power for good government and good citizenship in the land. Let's get together, let's attend all the meetings and let's make our little post one of the best in the country. Post, Attention; Forward, March!

Woman's Club

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at 3:30 at the Library Friday, January 21. Please note the change in days.

PARTY VISITS FERNANDINA IN PRIVATE YACHT

Capitalists With Big Interests at Fernandina Spend Two Days in the City Looking Around.

Messrs. Strachan and Armstrong, of Savannah, Ga., and Camp and Jewett, of Ocala, arrived in Fernandina Friday of last week aboard their private steam yacht to inspect the large phosphate drying plant and elevator of the Florida Terminal Co., in which these gentlemen are interested.

Inasmuch as a coaling station here has been talked of, and as Messrs. Camp and Jewett are connected with the coal concern of Jewett, Bigelow & Brooks, it is probable that the trip here was for the purpose of getting a line on things for the location of a coaling station here for steamships in the very near future. The party remained in Fernandina until Saturday. They were well pleased with Fernandina and the outlook here.

Jacksonville People

Have a Little Fun

A man and woman, giving their address as Jacksonville, and their names as Oscar Silcox and Gladys Love, motored over to Fernandina late Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, and after enjoying themselves at the Casino, broke several window sash out of the building, and glasses in many others, possibly thinking the building was uninhabited. It wasn't however, and T. D. Sibley, who looks after it for the city, came to the city and notified Deputy Sheriff C. C. Jones, who in company with Frank Surrency, went out to the beach and brought the merry-makers to town and lodged them in jail. Judge Stewart released the couple on bonds of \$200.00 each for their appearance before him yesterday—Thursday. It is said that too much joy water is responsible for their difficulty.

Honoring Mrs. Upchurch

The young ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church entertained at tea Wednesday afternoon from 4 till 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. R. Lynn, complimenting Mrs. F. D. Upchurch, a late bride.

The parlor and drawing room were opened in suite and decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers.

Receiving in the living room were the vice president of the society, Mrs. J. R. Lynn; the guest of honor, Mrs. F. D. Upchurch; Mrs. D. A. Partin and Mrs. Paul Kendall.

Throughout the afternoon a salad course was served in the dining room. Pouring tea the first half hour was Mrs. F. C. Winton; the second half hour, Miss Myrtle Baker. All the young ladies of the society assisted in the serving.

The affair was most informal, and during the evening more than forty people called. Those invited were the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and prospective members for the Young Ladies' Missionary Society and Mrs. W. A. Davis, sister-in-law of the bride.

The honoree was given a brooch, which was presented by Mrs. Jack Hardee.

During the month of January the society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. R. Lynn. Let every member be present at every meeting.



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